and effective measures are taken to reduce the incidents of bad debts. Reserve Bank of India has also advised the banks to institute a system of classification of their advances into distinct categories according to the health of advances at a given point of time for the purpose of their effective monitoring and follow up. A scrutiny of advances is also carried out by Reserve Bank of India at the time of inspection of the banks and the advances which reveal sticky tendencies are brought to the notice of the banks for remedial measures.

Water requirements of Andhra Pradesh

*218. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/study has been conducted by the Central Government to determine the water requirements of Andhra Pradesh and to explore the water resources in the State ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA) : (a) and (b) The National Water Development Agency has been conducting surveys and investigations for water balance studies of the Peninsular Region. The studies, *inter-aila*, includes the 12 basins/sub-basins having catchment areas in Andhra Pradesh. Studies on 6 basins/sub-basins have been completed. Water requirements of the State as a whole is approximately assessed as around 7 million hectare metres.

Progress made by Blast Furnaces of SAIL

*219. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether blast furnaces of Steel Authority of India Limited at Bhilai and Bokaro have made progress in regard to productivity and coke rate ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to take similar steps for other units of SAIL ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as follows :—

	1985-86	1989-90
Bhilai Steel Plant:		
Coke Rate (Kg/tonne of hot metal).	723	692
BF Productivity (tonnes/cubic metre of useful volume per day)	0.94	1.02
Bokaro Steel Plant		
Coke Rate (Kg/tonne of hot metal).	728	664
BF Productivity (tonnes/cubic metre of useful volume per day).	0.83	0.95

(c) pnd (d) Upgradation of technology to improve techno-economic indices of BF Production is a

sailent feature of moderinisation schemes of Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant and the proposed project for modernisation of Burnpur Works of IISCO. The modernisation of these plpnts is envisaged to result in improvement of coke rate and productivity of blast furnaces through the following measures :—

(i) Improved raw material preparation ;

(ii) Conveyorisation of charging system and sinter screening in the stock house ;

(iii) Better burden distribution at the furnace ;

(iv) Usage of higher blast temperature.

Transfer of cases of Mizoram to Aizwal Bench of Guwahati High Court

*220. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Aizwal Bench of Guwahati High Court has been constituted with a view to avoiding hardship to the litigants of Mizoram ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the matters relating to the State of Mizoram are to be transferred to this bench ; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the cases of the State of Mizoram are not kept with Guwahati Bench but are prompmptly transferred to Aizawal Bench?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to section 2 of the Gawahati High Court (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Aizawal) Order, 1990, while came into force on 5th July, 1990 the Bench at Aizawal would exercise the jurisdiction and powers for the time being vested in the Gawahati High Court in respect of cases arising in the State of Mizoram, provided that the Chief Justice of the High Court may, in discretion order that any case or class of cases arising in the State of Mizoram shall be heard at Guwahati.

(c) In view of the above, the decision in this regard lies with the Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court.

Availability of Life Saving Medical Equipments

@1808. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new import policy requiring importers to obtain eligibility certificate for having adequate service arrangement from the designated authorities has resulted in an acute shortage of life saving medical equipments in the country ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to get the life saving medical eqipm nts without any difficulty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISCRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) (a) and (b) With a view to ensure that the costly imported medical equipment do not remain out of order for want of after-sales repairing facility, the Import & Export Policy, 1990-1993 provided that the

@Previously Unstarred Question 875 transferred from 13-8-90.